GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Accommodation – Rent free accommodation to the Hon’ble Judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh and payment of allowance to other Hon’ble Judges in lieu of providing Residential Quarters – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ACCOM.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 108 Dated: 20-01-2020

Read the following:

Ref:- 1) The High Court Judges (Salaries and Pensions of Service) Act, 1954.
2) From Secretary to Government, Legal and Legislative Affairs and Justice, Law Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Letter No.259/LSP/2019, dated:28-1-2019.

O R D E R:-

The Secretary, Legal and Legislative Affairs and Justice, Law Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi has reported that in pursuant to the Notification issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice), dated 26.12.2018, High Court of Andhra Pradesh was constituted in Andhra Pradesh with effect from 01.01.2019. Therefore, the Hon'ble Judges allocated to the High Court of Andhra Pradesh have to abruptly shift their stay from Hyderabad to Amaravathi with short notice. As per Section 22A of the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954, every Judge shall be entitled without payment of rent to the use of an official residence. Where a Judge does not avail himself of the use of an official residence, he may be paid every month an allowance. He has also reported that the Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati has informed that three Hon'ble Judges have opted to occupy the private villas identified by the Government and since the Government residential quarters are not readily available to the other Hon'ble Judges for occupation as they are under construction, they are willing to receive the allowance towards the value of rent free accommodation and find out a suitable accommodation on their own and requested the Government to take steps for issuance of necessary orders by the Government for payment of allowance, in lieu of providing residential quarters to the Hon'ble Judges, to secure a suitable accommodation befitting the status of a High Court Judges.

2) Government after careful examination, hereby accord sanction for payment of consolidated allowance of an amount of Rs.1.25 lakhs (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) per month to the Hon’ble High Court Judges of Andhra Pradesh subject to following conditions:-

a) This consolidated HRA amount of Rs.1,25,000/- includes House Rent, Electricity and water Charges, Power back up, maintenance charges and any other cost related to the building/Villa.
b) This is only as temporary measure till the government accommodation is made ready upon completion of the Judges bungalows. Once the Judges bungalows are ready for occupation the Consolidated HRA ceases.
c) The differential amount if any, on account of selection of accommodation in excess of the consolidated HRA amount of Rs.1,25,000/- per month, has to be borne by themselves,
d) This arrangement is in an effort to provide befitting accommodation to the Hon’ble Judges and to circumvent any sort of inconvenience. Hence, this cannot be quoted as a precedent case.

3) The C.E (R&B), Vijayawada and the Secretary, Legal and Legislative Affairs and Justice, Law Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi shall take necessary action accordingly.

(P.T.O)

4) This order is issues with the concurrence of Finance(PC-TA) Department vide their U.O.Note.No.FIN01-HR0PCTA(RPRC)/39/2019-PC-TA, Dated.28-04-2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (GPM & AR) (FAC)

To
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The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Accountant General (A&E),A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
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